

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently amended) A personal care or cosmetic oil-in-water emulsion in the form of a milk or cream comprising: at least one oil; water; and an emulsifier stabilizer system composed of
 - (a) from 0.02 to 1.5% by weight of the emulsion of an oil emulsifier component, wherein the oil emulsifier component comprises at least one or more non-ionic emulsifier(s) selected from the group consisting of at least one alkoxyate emulsifiers, fatty acid esters, ethers, hemi-acetals of polyhydroxylic compounds, acetals of polyhydroxylic compounds, and a fatty acid amide which is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound, and
 - (b) a polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide which is present from 0.02 to 0.5% by weight of the emulsion.
2. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyglucomannan polysaccharide comprises random glucose/mannose backbone at a molar ratio of glucose to mannose of from 1:1.5 to 1:3.
3. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyglucomannan polysaccharide is a polyglucomannan derived from Konjak.
4. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of Xanthan to polyglucomannan is from 1:10 to 10:1.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier ~~comprises said~~ is at least one alkoxylate emulsifiers.
8. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier ~~comprises said~~ is at least one fatty acid esters.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oil emulsifier component comprises at least one alkoxylate emulsifier with an average of from 10 to 100 alkylene oxide residues and having an HLB greater than 12 and the amount of emulsifier used is from 0.04 to 0.1% by weight of the emulsion.
11. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oil emulsifier component includes at least one hydrophilic non-ionic emulsifier having an HLB of at least 12 and at least one hydrophobic non-ionic emulsifier having an HLB of less than 8.
12. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 11, wherein the hydrophilic emulsifier comprises at least one of alkoxylate emulsifiers with an average of from 10 to 100 alkylene oxide residues; sugar mono-esters; polyglycerol mono-esters; hydrocarbyl polysaccharides; fatty acid glycerol esters where the fatty acid has 8 to 12 carbon atoms; and fatty acid N-sugar amides, and wherein the hydrophobic emulsifier comprises at least one of alkoxylate emulsifiers with an average of from 2 to about 10 alkylene oxide residues; glycerol esters where the fatty acid has 14 to 24 carbon atoms; and anhydrosaccharide fatty acids.
13. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 12, wherein the amount of the hydrophilic emulsifier is from 0.04 to 0.5% by weight of the emulsion and the amount of the hydrophobic emulsifier is from 0.1 to 1% by weight of the emulsion.

14. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oil phase comprises an emollient oil.

15. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 14, wherein the emollient oil comprises at least one normally liquid emollient oil selected from the group consisting of mineral oils, paraffin oils, vegetable glyceride oils, animal glyceride oils, synthetic ester oils, synthetic ether oils, silicone oils, fatty alcohol propoxylates, a solid liquefiable emollient fat, a solid liquefiable emollient wax, and mixtures thereof.

16. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oil phase is at least 5% by weight of the emulsion.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a cream comprising at least one thickener selected from fatty amphiphiles or synthetic thickeners.

20. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 comprising:
from 1 to 80% by weight of at least one oil;
from 0.02 to 1.2% by weight of at least one alkoxide emulsifier having an HLB of at least 12;
optionally from 0.1 to 1.2% by weight of at least one emulsifier having an HLB of less than 8;
the total amount of emulsifier being from 0.02 to 1.5% by weight;
from 0.02 to 0.5% by weight of at least one polysaccharide stabilizer;
optionally from 0.1 to 10% by weight of at least one thickener selected from fatty amphiphiles or synthetic thickeners;
the remainder being minor components and additives and water.

21. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 comprising:

from 1 to 80% by weight of at least one oil;

from 0.02 to 1.2% by weight of at least one emulsifier having an HLB of at least 12 selected from the group consisting of a fatty acid ester, ether, hemi-acetal or acetal of a polyhydroxylic compound, and a fatty acid amide which is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound;

optionally from 0.1 to 1.2% by weight of at least one emulsifier having an HLB of less than 8;

the total amount of emulsifier being from 0.02 to 1.5% by weight;

from 0.02 to 0.5% by weight of at least one polysaccharide stabilizer;

optionally from 0.1 to 10% by weight of at least one thickener selected from fatty amphiphiles or synthetic thickeners;

the remainder being minor components and additives and water.

22. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 having a pH of from 4 to 9.

23. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1 comprising one or more of: preservatives; perfumes; humectants or solvents; sunfilter or sunscreen materials; alpha hydroxy acids; self-tanning agents; antimicrobial components; Vitamins and their precursors; skin care agents; phospholipids; vesicle-containing formulations; germanium-containing compounds; botanical extracts; skin whiteners; skin repair compounds; caffeine; cooling additives; insect repellents; essential oils; and pigments.

24. (Previously presented) A method of making an emulsion as claimed in claim 1 by direct emulsification, wherein the emulsifier(s) and polysaccharide stabilizer are incorporated into the aqueous phase, optionally including thickener components in the aqueous phase, and then mixing the oil into the aqueous continuous phase to emulsify it.

25. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the polysaccharide stabilizer in the aqueous phase is heated to above about 60°C and is optionally subjected to high intensity mixing.

26. (Previously presented) The method of making an emulsion as claimed in claim 1 by inverse emulsification, wherein the emulsifier(s) and polysaccharide stabilizer are incorporated into the oil phase and the aqueous phase is then mixed into the oil phase until the system inverts to form an oil-in-water emulsion.

27. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the polysaccharide stabilizer in contact with the aqueous phase is heated to above about 60°C, and is optionally subjected to high intensity mixing.

28-36. (Cancelled).

37. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 4, wherein the weight ratio of Xanthan to polyglucomannan is from 2:1 to 1:2.

38. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide is present from 0.025 to 0.15% by weight of the emulsion.

39. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier ~~comprises said~~ is at least one alkoxylate emulsifier.

40. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier ~~comprises said~~ is at least one fatty acid amide that is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound.

41. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 7, wherein the oil emulsifier ~~comprises component~~ is at least one alcohol ethoxylates.

42. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 8, wherein the emulsion comprises one or more sugars selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose and glucose.

43. (Currently amended) An emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the amount of oil emulsifier component is from 0.1 to 1.5% by weight of the emulsion.

44-51. (Cancelled).

52. (Previously presented) The emulsion of claim 8 wherein said fatty acid esters are saccharide esters of fatty acids and a sugar, with a mono-ester content of at least 60%.

53. (Previously presented) The emulsion of claim 7 wherein said alkoxylate emulsifiers are alcohol alkoxylates.

54. (Currently amended) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said oil emulsifier component is present in the amount of 0.02% by weight of the emulsion.

55. (Currently amended) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said oil emulsifier component is present in the amount of 1.5% by weight of the emulsion.

56. (Previously presented) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide which is present in the amount of 0.02 % by weight of the emulsion.

57. (Previously presented) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide which is present in the amount of 0.5 % by weight of the emulsion.

58. (Currently amended) The emulsion of claim 1 wherein said oil emulsifier component is present in an amount of from 0.02 to 0.25% by weight of the emulsion, and wherein said polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide is present in an amount from 0.02 to 0.25 % by weight.

59. (Currently amended) A personal care or cosmetic oil-in-water emulsion with good body and skin feel in the form of a milk or cream comprising: at least one oil; water; and an emulsifier stabilizer system composed of

- (a) from 0.02 to 1.5% by weight of the emulsion of an oil emulsifier component, wherein the emulsifier comprises at least one or more non-ionic emulsifier(s) selected from the group consisting of at least one alkoxyate emulsifiers, fatty acid esters, ethers, hemi-acetals of polyhydroxylic compounds, acetals of polyhydroxylic compounds, and a fatty acid amide which is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound, and
- (b) a polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide which is present from 0.02 to 0.5% by weight of the emulsion.

60. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 59, wherein the polyglucomannan polysaccharide is a polyglucomannan derived from Konjak.

61. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 59, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier ~~comprises said~~ is at least one alkoxyate emulsifiers.

62. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 59, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier ~~comprises said~~ is at least one fatty acid ester.

63. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 59, wherein the oil phase is at least 5% by weight of the emulsion.

64. (Previously presented) The emulsion as claimed in claim 59 in the form of a cream comprising at least one thickener selected from fatty amphiphiles or synthetic thickeners.

65. (Currently amended) The emulsion as claimed in claim 59, wherein the non-ionic emulsifier ~~comprises said~~ is at least one fatty acid amide that is N-substituted with the residue of a polyhydroxylic compound.

66. (Currently amended) An emulsion as claimed in claim 59, wherein the amount of said oil emulsifier component is from 0.1 to 1.5% by weight of the emulsion.

67. (Currently amended) The emulsion of claim 59 wherein said oil emulsifier component is present in an amount of from 0.02 to 0.25% by weight of the emulsion, and wherein said polysaccharide combination of a Xanthan polysaccharide and a polyglucomannan polysaccharide is present in an amount from 0.02 to 0.25 % by weight.